



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR**

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters  
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

**SUBJECT:** Thunderbolt Six Policy Memorandum No. 38-17 - Requirement for Possession, Storage, and Registration of Privately-Owned Weapons

1. References. a. AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives, 12 February 1998.  
  
b. Fort Knox Regulation 210-1, Control of Firearms and Weapons, 1 March 2001.
2. Recent incidents have indicated that a priority must be given to informing post personnel of regulations dealing with privately-owned weapons (POW) registration and storage.
3. All POWs will be registered at the Provost Marshal Office within 3 working days after arrival on the installation or 3 days after purchase of a weapon. Those who possess a POW will be in compliance with Federal and state laws regarding possession of firearms.
4. Personnel residing in Family Housing, Bachelor Officer/Enlisted Quarters and Guest Housing may store authorized registered weapons and ammunition within their quarters. Firearms will be stored in a locked container or otherwise secured by a locking device that immobilizes the trigger or action that prevents mishaps by children. Spare or extra ammunition will be stored separately from the weapon. All weapons stored in quarters will be kept unloaded.
5. Personnel residing in troop billets will store authorized registered weapons and ammunition, that are on Fort Knox, in unit arms rooms. The unit arms room will utilize a standard weapons card and log book to document storage, removal and return. Requests to remove POW, temporarily or permanently, from the arms room will be fulfilled only upon written authorization from the commander. This request will specify why the POW is being removed, where the POW is being removed to, and the specific date/time frame for its absence from the arms room.
6. All personnel should be made familiar with guidelines of AR 190-11 and Fort Knox Regulation 210-1. These regulations cover issues such as registration procedures, prohibited weapons, and firearms.

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7. I direct commanders to ensure that all incoming personnel are instructed on the responsibilities of firearm and weapon ownership on Fort Knox. I am confident of your support in our commitment to educate Fort Knox personnel in the proper procedures of weapon ownership on the installation.



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